

ಶ್ರೀ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ ಉಳ್ಳಾರ್.—ಬಂಜರು ಭೂಮಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಗ್ಗುಲೆ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಪೆಂಡಿಂಗ್ ಇವೆಯೆಂಬ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆ ತಪಶೀಲು ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

Construction of Anecut across Lakshmanathirtha River in South Coorg.

*Q.—283. SRI K. P. KARUMBAYYA (Virajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the stage at which the construction of Anecut across Lakshmana Thirtha River in South Coorg stands ;

(b) what is the revised estimate of expenditure for this scheme ;

(c) how many acres of fresh land will be irrigated from the waters of this Anecut and how many acres from Coorg District and how many from Mysore District ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Anecut site is changed now and the proposed Anecut is to be constructed at the confluence of the tributaries of Rama Thirtha and Lakshmana Thirtha ;

(e) the extent of area that will be submerged consequent upon the proposed change of Anecut site and of this area and what is the area under paddy cultivation now ?

A.—SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) The construction of Lakshmanathirtha anicut is nearly completed and the Left Bank Channel taking off from the anicut has been excavated for about 12 miles length with the exception of some portions in the middle.

(b) About Rs. 81 lakhs for the entire scheme.

(c) This scheme was meant only to assure water supply to the existing atchkat of 3,200 acres in Coorg District during the period from September to November. No fresh atchkat was contemplated under the project.

(d) The question of constructing a reservoir below the confluence of Ramathirtha and Lakshmanathirtha at a suitable site in addition to the anicut is being considered.

(e) if the reservoir referred to under (d) above is constructed, it is expected to submerge about 3,840 acres of which 1,800 acres are wet lands.

SRI K. P. KARUMBAYYA.—May I know the area that will be brought under cultivation if the reservoir contemplated under (d) is constructed ?

†SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—No fresh atchkat is going to come under irrigation.

SRI K. P. KARUMBAYYA.—Then may I take it that for an expenditure of Rs. 81 lakhs incurred for the construction of this anecut, only an area of 3,200 acres will be brought under cultivation ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is all that was proposed originally.

Mr. SPEAKER.—SRI B. N. BORANNA Gowda has been authorised to put Question No. 305.

Disposal of Darkhast Applications from Harijans for Grant of Land for Coffee and Cardamom Cultivation in Manjarabad and Belur Taluks.

*Q.—305. SRI B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur) [on behalf of SRI H. K. SIDDIAH (Belur)].—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the extent of land under Coffee and Cardamom held by Harijans in Manjarabad and Belur Taluks of Hassan District ;

(b) the number of darkhast applications received from Harijans of the above taluks for the past 5 years, for grant of land for Coffee and Cardamom cultivation ;

(c) the number of applicants who have been granted lands and the extent of land so granted ;

(d) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor ;

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

(e) the number of pending applications?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 107 acres 5 guntas in Manjarabad talak. Nil in Belur taluk.

(b) 68.

(c) Number of grantees: 32

Extent granted: 98 acres 14 guntas.

(d) 36. On account of insufficiency of gomal.

(e) 30.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—You have kindly stated that 107 acres 5 guntas is the total extent of land under Coffee and Cardamom. Is the land fit for Coffee cultivation or is it an ordinary darkhast gomal land?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—With regard to grant of coffee lands, in the beginning the grant is subject to ordinary darkhast rules. After they secure the necessary permission from the Coffee Board, that will be converted into coffee tenure.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—You have been kind enough to tell us that 32 persons have been granted lands of the total area of 98 acres 14 guntas. Is it coffee land or ordinary gomal land fit for coffee cultivation?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It is ordinary waste land fit for coffee cultivation. Generally, waste and gomal lands are granted for coffee cultivation and in some cases forest lands.

Repairs to Wellesly and Paschimavahini Bridges.

*Q.—312. **Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF** (Broadway).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Wellesly Bridge at Srirangapatna and the one close to Paschimavahini are notified as weak bridges;

(b) whether they will take immediate steps to effect repairs in view of the heavy vehicular traffic on these bridges?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) These bridges are considered as weak bridges and necessary caution boards in regard to speed limits and one way traffic have been provided to ensure safety.

(b) An estimate for constructing a new bridge in place of the Wellesly bridge has been recently approved administratively and work is being taken up shortly. Investigations for a new bridge in lieu of the other one are yet to be made.

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF.—With regard to the action taken, will it be enough to ensure the safety of these bridges?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—Government have taken all necessary steps in this regard. At present we are going to have a new bridge in place of the Wellesly bridge. The foundation for the said bridge has been laid and estimates for the same have been got and a sum of Rs. 50,000 is also provided in the current year's budget.

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF.—May I know what steps have been taken to build a new bridge in place of Paschimavahini?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—According to the Motor Vehicles Act this bridge is still fit for use. However, Government are taking all steps to have it surveyed. There are plans and estimates in respect of both the bridges and steps will be taken to have them finalised soon.

Sri S. D. GAONKAR.—Let alone the repairs of the bridges, are the Government aware that even the caution boards and speed limit boards require some kind of repairs?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The boards are perfectly neat and tidy.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Since how many years were these boards repaired?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—These are minor details and I do not have the information.